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31 October 1953

Memorandum for: The Director of Central Intelligence

Subject: 25X1A [REDACTED] *mark*

25X1A 1. 25X1A [REDACTED] was an ECA employee who was murdered in the Soviet Zone of Vienna by the Russians in October 1948. Senators Flanders and Aiken (R., Vt.) have been pressing very hard to secure payment of compensation to Mrs. [REDACTED] either by the Government or through means of a private bill. I have had several meetings with the Senators' two administrative assistants on this bill and they are using all pressures to secure a favorable result. They have developed a theory that [REDACTED] was murdered because of his intelligence activities, and, while they realize he was not working for CIA, they do know that he had some contact with us and had attempted to put CIA in touch with a possible agent. They take the further position that CIA cannot prove that [REDACTED] was not murdered due to his intelligence activities. 25X1A

25X1A 2. There is attached herewith, as Tab A, a memorandum dated 15 September from [REDACTED] Chief, SE/DDP, setting forth the relationship between [REDACTED] and CIA. As there is no desire to publicize these details, it is our conclusion that we should offer no objection to the passage of the private bill for the relief of Mrs. [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1A 3. Senator Langer's original letter dated 22 July 1953 called for a report within twenty days. A study of the available files indicated that we could not have an acceptable answer without talking to [REDACTED] formerly our station chief in [REDACTED], who had just returned to Headquarters and was then on leave. Therefore, on 10 August I talked with Mr. Ruddy of the staff of the Senate Judiciary Committee, who agreed to extending the time for answering the Committee's letter, particularly in view of the fact that Congress was not in session. 25X1A

25X1A 4. Mr. 25X1A [REDACTED] returned to duty on 1 September and had the attached memorandum prepared (Tab A) so that all the pertinent facts would be known to us in formulating the Agency reply. As a result, on 23 September I forwarded the attached letter to the Bureau of the Budget (Tab B), as required by their regulations, requesting approval of our position in this matter. The Bureau of the Budget approved our position on 28 October. It is therefore recommended that you sign the attached letter to Chairman Langer, at Tab C. 25X1A

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